(b) if so, the number of food processing industries set up in various States; and

(c) the details of the facilities and subsidy granted to Private Entrepreneur in Orissa to set up food processing industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The Plan Schemes implemented by the Department for the development of processed food sector envisage financial assistance in the form of soft loan and grant to private industry, Non Governmental Organisations, Co-operatives, Human Resource Development institution etc.

(b) The schemes are project oriented and not State specific.

(c) As per abvailable information, so far 33 projects in the Private Sector and Non Governmental Organisations have been assisted in Orissa under the Plan schemes of the Department by providing assistance to the tune of Rs. 1.77 crores, approximately.

Fruit Processing Unit

917. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Fruit processing units set up in the country both in Private and Public Sector;

(b) the State-wise details of the location of these units;

(c) whether Government have a proposal to set up more such Fruit processing units in Ninth Plan;

(d) if so, the number of applications received from different private and public sector units in different States; and

(e) the steps taken to consider these applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Till the end of 1998, 5.112 units were licenced under the Fruit Products Order, 1955, out of which, 4.770 were in Private

sector, 132 in Public sector and the remaining 210 in Co-operative Sector. State-wise break up of number of units, sector-wise is given in the STATEMENT (*See* below)

(c) to (e) The Government does not set up Fruit Processing Units on its own. However, financial assistance as loan/grant-in-aid is provided under the Plan schemes of the Department of Food Processing Industries. The applications for such assistance are processed as per the guidelines in vogue.

Statement

State-wise Break up of Number of Units Licenced Under the Fruit Products Order-1995 and Installed Capacity

Name of the State	*No. of Units (Sector Wise)*				*Capacity*
	Pvt.	*Co-op.*	*Pub.*	*Total*	
Andaman & Nicobar	2	—	1	3	450
Andhra Pradesh	302	10	2	314	305640
Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	3	3	520
Assam	23	2	2	27	1030
Bihar	51	5	3	59	43170
Chandigarh	54	—	1	55	12640
Dadra & Nagar Haveli	7	—	—	7	3120
Delhi	311	1	5	317	35380
Goa, Daman & Diu	163	—	1	164	6120
Gujarat	266	7	7	280	161370
Haryana	146	10	3	159	71720
Himachal Pradesh	74	11	14	99	11140
Jammu & Kashmir	75	3	7	85	8220
Karnataka	240	24	1	265	309200
Kerala	367	16	12	395	78230
Madhya Pradesh	103	—	1	104	39760
Maharashtra	929	20	12	961	366840

Manipur	6	3	1	10	1330
Meghalaya	13	—	2	15	650
Mizoram	2	—	1	3	150
Nagaland	2	1	2	5	810
Orissa	43	1	2	44	2590
Rajasthan	110	4	—	114	6970
Pondicherry	14	—	—	14	350
Punjab	301	4	9	314	71510
Sikkim	3	—	—	3	2380
Tamil Nadu	160	5	5	170	272690
Tripura	1	1	2	4	2240
Uttar pradesh	439	69	5	513	195990
West Bengal	265	13	28	306	67790
Total	4770	210	132	5112	2080000

Co-Operation with France on Nuclear Energy Production

918. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to State:

(a) whether France has offered co-operation to India in two vital sectors of nuclear energy production *viz* maintaining the safety of reactor containment and nuclear waste management;

(b) if so, the details and terms of the offer; and

(c) what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMTI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) A bilateral agreement between the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board of India and the Nuclear Installation Safety Directorate (DSIN) of France for exchange of information and co-operation in the area of nuclear safety was signed on July 29, 1999. The scope of the Agreement covers, inter-alia, regulatory positions and practices on significant safety issues in the areas of siting, design, construction, commissioning and operation of nuclear power plants. This would also cover the areas of safety of reactor containment. The terms of the